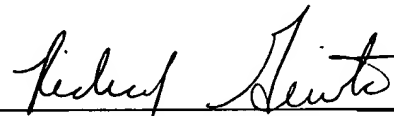


CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the claims as currently presented patentably distinguish over the prior art of record. The undersigned is willing to discuss the application further with the Examiner in the hopes of reaching agreement without the necessity of an appeal. Therefore, if the Examiner believes that the application is not in condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below to discuss any outstanding issues relating to the allowability of the application.

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